

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-96-T - ORDER NO. 2004-429
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

IN RE: Petition of Checker Yellow Cab Company, Inc., Blue Ribbon Cab Company, Inc., Yellow Cab Company of Greenville, Inc., North Area Taxi, Inc., and Yellow Cab Company of Charleston, Inc. for Rulemaking.)	ORDER AFFIRMING COMMISSION ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR RULEMAKING
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In Order No. 2004-319, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) denied the Application of Checker Yellow Cab Company, Inc., Blue Ribbon Cab Company, Inc., Yellow Cab Company of Greenville, Inc., North Area Taxi, Inc., and Yellow Cab Company of Charleston, Inc. (herein the “Petitioners”) to amend Commission Regulation 26 S.C. Regs. 103-222. Contained within that Order No. 2004-319 was a directive that the Commission Staff research the issues raised by the Petitioners concerning insurance rates in the taxicab industry and the affect of Regulation 103-222 on those rates.

The Staff contacted the Petitioners and presented information provided by the certain members of the industry. The Staff additionally provided certain materials to the Commission regarding workers compensation laws and regulations in South Carolina as well as recent legislative efforts to amend these laws.

After reviewing these materials, the Commission finds that even if the Commission were to find that it is in the public’s best interest to modify Regulation 103-222 that such modification would have no affect on workers compensation rates for

taxicab drivers in South Carolina. Further, the Commission concludes that the only action which would aid in the resolution of the high insurance rates of which the taxicab industry in South Carolina complains would be a change to South Carolina's workers compensation laws, and not merely a change in the definitions contained in this Commission's Regulations.

It is therefore ordered that Order No. 2004-319 is affirmed, and the Commission dismisses the Petition in this matter without prejudice.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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